

American and the Continent, are against equity and the International treaty. Why should the same telegraphic work over the same distance and the same route within the boundaries of China be dearer for one party than for another?

—Russia's getting a terminal rate of 2 francs in China is not to be opposed, but the Russian Minister's tendency to fix this rate for his countrymen only should be prevented.

The Russian agreement was illegal and undiplomatic. We furthermore think that the vigorous protestations of the American Minister Col. Denby, the Hongkong and Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, and the British, American, and German merchants carried due weight not only with the Tsung-li Yamen, but also with the Russian Government and the public opinion at large. Indeed, the manifestations of the unpopularity of the Telegraph Convention have been many and strong. We heartily congratulate our fellow-merchants on the satisfactory result—the non-ratification of the Chefoo Telegraph Convention and its appendix. The Russian agreement, China's telegraphic rights had been unfairly checked in order to suit a party policy resting upon the broad basis of equity, but upon competitive spirit. Broader principles, we hope, will come to reign supreme. China's telegraphic movement cannot be regulated by the cable companies nor can her International tariff be laid down by one government's Minister, but should be the outcome of an International Conference where all parties interested had their say; in fact she should join the International Union without delay. Only in this way the justified expectations of a lower and fairer tariff between the Far East and the West can be realised. Only what is built on the foundation of truth can stand the wave of time. If the Chefoo Convention had been ratified it would have clearly shown its deficiencies, but we should have had to arm ourselves with patience fourteen long years. A right solution of the question—that, a fair field to all interests, may soon dawn upon us, and we may in a not far off future have the beneficial results. These can be briefly summarised as follows:—For China a dignified status, freedom of telegraphic action, and an increased revenue, and for trade and commerce the salutary impulse of a much less burdensome tariff which, in accordance with all principles of economy, will increase the telegraphic traffic so as to offer a lucrative field not only for the shareholders of the foreign companies but also for China, on whose shores the cables are landed to whose imperial favour they owe twenty years of success.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Coal and iron, and more especially coal, are indispensable factors in the making of a powerful country. Every energy of our government is now concentrated on the strengthening of China, and with that end it has gradually, during the last fifty years, convinced of the superiority of the superiority of Western methods, been doing our country with arsenals, factories, ship-building yards, and other establishments modelled on the Western plan, until now we find scarcely a province in the Empire without some institution the idea of which is borrowed from foreign countries. For most of these, coal is a *præ-requisitum*. Thus the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, with plays such a powerful part in the patriotic work of winning back for China the profits in the Chinese carrying trades before monopolised by foreigners, uses every day a prodigious quantity of coal; and the railway, which though deferred, is by no means forgotten, will also be an immense consumer of both coal and iron. It is but natural, therefore, that the efforts of Chinese politicians should now be strenuously employed on the task of obtaining the necessary coal for the continued outflow of money and energy, as far as possible, of the mineral wealth which China herself is so richly endowed. How great that outflow has been, will sufficiently appear from the following statistics.

In 1889 China purchased from England, Australia and Japan 268,000 tons of coal, paying for it over \$2,000,000. These two million dollars were spent on foreign coal alone, and there was also a heavy bill of at least as much to pay for arms, munitions of war, and machinery.

On the other hand, the small country Belgium, the last to make a treaty with China, has 133 mines working, and produces yearly 20,000,000 tons of coal, of a value of \$3,000,000. Belgium herself uses two-tenths of this quantity in her factories, and the other eight-tenths she exports to foreign countries, one of these eight-tenths going to France and Germany. In addition to the profits of the sale of her surplus coal, the country has the advantage of being able to give employment to 100,000 of her people in connection with this industry, paying them yearly about \$22,470,000, or on an average \$220 a head. Thus the government and many classes of the population directly or indirectly benefit by the mines, and the country, though small, is as rich as England or France.

The ill success which naturally followed the outrageous mismanagement of mining enterprises in China under the Ming dynasty, materially retarded their development in later times. The Government are, however, now deeply impressed with the necessity of having stores of coal at hand for our ships in the event of a war, when the enforcement of the neutrality laws might make it impossible to procure it from other countries. It is principally to provide for such a contingency that the Viceroy Li Hung-chang sent Sheng Taotai to draw up an agreement with Mr. Goebel, Belgian Consul-General at Shanghai, himself formerly a director of mines in Belgium, under which Mr. Braive, a mining engineer of high repute and long experience, has been engaged, and has proceeded to Europe, where the Viceroy Chang Chi-tung has also some German experts employed whose services were secured at a lower rate of remuneration. May their exertions contribute further to turning the tide of wealth still flowing out of China, into one of wealth flowing in!

Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphates acts both as food and medicine. It not only gives flesh and strength by virtue of its own nutritious properties, but creates an appetite for food that builds up the wasted body. Read the following:—"Scott's Emulsion is in my opinion an excellent and valuable compound. I have given it to consumptive patients and have been delighted with the results obtained. It is pleasant to the taste and can be borne by the most sensitive stomach."—E. A. ROWLEY, M.D., Butter-Knowle, Darlington. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Ld.), agents in Hongkong and China.—*Advt.*

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SALE.

CARDIFF COAL in lots to suit purchasers at \$124 per ton.
G. C. ANDERSON.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1890. [477]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
The Fashionable Evening Resort.
LAST WEEK. THIS EVENING.
the 25th March, 1890.

Under the patronage of His Excellency Major-General J. B. EDWARDS, C.B., R.E.

SOCIETY'S RE-UNIONS.
Triumphant Success of the Renowned & Only HUDSON'S SURPRISE PARTY.

The Donators of Refined Mirth and Music.
An Entertainment without equal in Anglo-American Minstrelsy.
Original in Conception from Start to Finish.
Glorious and Enthusiastic Reception of the Present Monster Programme.
Our Unique Combination received Last Night by an audience that was demonstrative in its welcome, and yet keenly discriminative and unbiased in its judgment. WHAT MORE could a Company WISH FOR?
HUDSON'S SURPRISE PARTY is an unqualified success, by their educated ability. LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE. Instantaneously caught, and continuously held, the appreciation of the audience, and made the roar and scream with delight!!

Admission as usual. Smiling begins at 9 P.M. His Office open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, THOS. P. HUDSON, Proprietor & Manager.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1890. [472]

PROGRAMME OF SKY RACES to be held on the RACE COURSE, WONG NEI CHONG, kindly lent by the Stewards of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ON SATURDAY, the 12th April, 1890, under the auspices of THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

First saddling bell to be rung at 1.30 P.M.

1st POLO SCURRY CUP presented by the Officers of the A. & S. HIGHLANDERS. For all *bona fide* Polo Ponies, 4-mile heats, without dismounting, best 2 out of 3, catch weights over 11 stone. Entrance, \$2.

2nd—THE TAI MA FONG CUP presented by Mr. J. KENNEDY, 3-mile. For all subscription Griffins of this and last year that have never been placed, weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, \$5, and \$15, 3rd to save stake.

3rd—THE WAY-POONG CUP presented, Steeple Chase for all China Ponies, catch weights over 11 stone. Three times round the Steeple Chase Course. Entrance \$5, and \$15, 3rd to save stake.

4th—THE FAREWELL CUP presented by H. N. MONY, Esq., one mile handicap for all China Ponies. Entrance \$5, and \$15, 3rd to save stake.

5th—THE HALF MILE FLAT RACE, open to all Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Garrison, Navy, and Police. First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$10; Third Prize, \$5; Entrance free.

6th—THE V CUP presented by J. D. HUMPHREYS, Esq., Steeple-chase for all subscription Griffins of this and last season and *bona fide* Polo Ponies and Hacks. Catch weights over 11 stone. Twice round the Steeple-chase course. Entrance \$5, and \$15, 3rd to save stake.

7th—THE BROOKERS' CUP presented by the Share Brokers of Hongkong 3 mile, for all China Ponies weight for inches as per scale. Ponies other than subscription Griffins, Hacks, and Polo Ponies tolks extra. Entrance \$5, and \$15, 3rd to save stake.

8th—THE LADIES' NOMINATION distance handicap. Half mile, for all *bona fide* Polo Ponies; name of Rider, who must be a member of the Polo Club, to accompany entry. Entrance \$2. Prizes to the nominators of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ponies.

9th—THE CHAMPION CUP presented by the Honourable C. P. CHARTERIS, 1 mile. Open for all China Ponies. Winner of the Farewell Cup tolks extra, winner of Brokers' Cup 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5, and \$15, 3rd to save stake.

CONDITIONS. The meeting will be run under The Hongkong Jockey Club rules, with the exception of No. 5, which will be as follows:—

All Ponies entered at the meeting need not necessarily be the property of the person entering them, but must be nominated and run by the same person throughout the meeting. All Ponies must be nominated and ridden by the Members of the following Clubs only:—

THE HONGKONG CLUB,
"JOCKEY CLUB,"
"POLO CLUB,"
"GERMAN CLUB,"
"LUSITANIAN CLUB,"

With the exception of Races Nos. 4, 7, and 9 Jockeys will be required to weigh in only. Only those Ponies that ran or could have run at Polo Ponies and Hacks at the last Hongkong Race Meeting constitute Polo Ponies and Hacks at this Meeting, and are to be passed by the Committee of the Polo Club.

Entries to close on the 5th April at 5 P.M., to Major FLETCHER, R.A., Royal Artillery Mess, College Gardens.

Tickets of Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure, \$1.
Members of the Jockey Club and Ladies free.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1890. [478]

PUBLIC AUCTION OF RACING STUD.

THE SHANGHAI HORSE BAZAAR COMPANY, LIMITED, have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 27th and 28th April, Mr. SID'S STABLE, consisting of:—

The following well-known RACE PONIES:—"ENTERTAINER," winner of the Hongkong Derby, 1890.

"ENTICER," winner of the Canton Cup and Scurry Stakes, Hongkong Meeting, 1890.

"SUSEWIND" well-known Race Pony.

"GRIDIRON"

"WALDO"

"ALI-BABA" (late "Hanchichig") winner of the Lusitania Cup in Hongkong, and other Races in Shanghai and Tientsin.

"SONNENSTRAHL" winner of Several Races and many Champions in Tientsin.

"BLAZER," winner of Hongkong Ladies' Purse and Several Races in Tientsin.

"MYTH," winner of Several Races in Tientsin.

"GANGES" winner of the Spring Cup, Shanghai, 1888.

"ERZHERZOG" winner of Several Races in Tientsin.

and SEVERAL TIMED GRIFFINS. Shanghai Horse Bazaar, 25th March, 1890. [479]

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS, CARPET WAREHOUSEMEN, LINEN DRAPERS, & UPHOLSTERERS.

SHOW ROOMS, 37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.

(Late THE HALL & HOLTZ C. Co., Ltd.)
Hongkong, 1st March, 1890. [354]

CATHAY CHAPTER.

No. 1, 165.

A REGULAR CONVOCAION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 25th inst., at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1890. [422]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship "DIAMANTE,"

Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1890. [471]

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CHINA"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 17th April, at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central, and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows:—To San Francisco and return, \$225.00; To San Francisco and return, 393.75; available for 6 months; To Liverpool, 325.00; To London, 330.00.

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1890. [1]

Consignees.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BATAVIA,"

FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1890. [14]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "GAELIC"

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHAS. D. HARMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1890. [2]

Intimations.

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

1.—HALF A MILLION STEERING per annum is being paid in Death claims year by year.

2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to upwards of Six Million and Three-quarter pounds Sterling and have increased 50 per cent. in the last 15 years.

3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced by more than double the number of fresh carefully-selected lives.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [56]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [57]

THE INDIAN IMPERIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 15th November, 1889. [125]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, } \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUW MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., take at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. [1001]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1890. [217]

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will take place at the Hongkong Hotel, on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.

C. EWENS, General Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1890. [470]

WANTED.—"ACROSS CHRYSE" by COLQUHOUN.

"MIDDLE KINGDOM" by WILLIAMS. Reply, stating price, to "PURCHASER," c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1890. [473]

SONGEE KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of Shares in the above Company bearing the following Nos.

166/190	2456/2460
266/315	3216/3220
1051/1075	3241/3255
1276/1285	3641/3650
1396/1420	3651/3660
2031/2030	3931/3935
2207/2215	4276/4310
2351/2355	4276/4280
2381/2405	4931/4940

on which the FIRST CALL of \$15 per Share due 16th August, 1889 is still unpaid, that unless the said call, with interest at the rate of 12 1/2 per Annum from 16th August, 1889, be paid on or before the 15th of April next, the Shares will be dealt with by the Consulting Committee and General Managers in accordance with their powers.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1890. [460]

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Works on Stone Cutters' Island, during the period 5th to 31st instant, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. daily (Sundays excepted), the line of fire will be in a South Westerly direction from the Works.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.
By Command, W. M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th March, 1890. [390]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWONG KWAN YEN CHALLENGE CUPS, value \$200 and \$100 respectively. Also two Consolation Cups value \$100 each.

The 2nd Stage of the Seventh Competition will take place, next SATURDAY, the 29th inst., at 2.15 P.M. commencing at 300 yards. Entrance Fee 30 cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Wharf at 2 O'CLOCK, to take over intending Competitors.
CHAS. V. LADDS, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1890. [55]

EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 29th day of March, 1890, at 3.30 P.M., when certain resolutions necessary to carry out the Reconstruction of the Company (passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the 13th inst.) will be put to the Meeting for confirmation as Special Resolutions. Copies of these resolutions have been forwarded to the Registered Shareholders in the Company, and unregistered holders of shares can obtain copies on application at the Office of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

By Order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. F. HARTON, Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1890. [470]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that by the Articles of Association the Fourth (LAST) INSTALLMENT of \$10 (Ten Dollars) per Share (on Shares not fully paid) is due on the 1st of March, 1890. This Installment will be received at the Registered Office of the above Company, No. 62, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per Annum will be charged on Unpaid Installments.

C. EWENS, General Manager.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1890. [433]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1889.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1889, in order that the Distribution of Bonus may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1890. [357]

THE CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LIST of Subscribers to the HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

1.—"Hongkong Telegraph" Office.
2.—Cantile, Dr. J., Queen's Road.
3.—Cantile, Dr. J., Queen's Road.
4.—Hartigan, Dr. Wm., Queen's Road.
5.—Cantile, Dr. J., Victoria Peak.
6.—C. & J., Telephone Co., Ltd.
7.—Poesnecker, L., Robinson Road.
8.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
9.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
10.—Chater and Co.
11.—Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Queen's Road.
12.—"Daily Press."
13.—Russell & Co.
14.—E. A. and China Telegraph Co., Ltd.
15.—Central Police Station.
16.—Watson & Co., A. S., Ltd.
17.—Douglas Laprak & Co.
18.—Butterfield and Swire.
19.—P. & O. Steam Navigation Co.
20.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,

